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Food and Drug Administration,

I want to express to you what I have had to go through and how my life was and how it is now that I have finally found a compounding pharmacy to fill my prescription.

I started going through menopause at the age of 30. I started on hormone therapy when I was 36. I waited to start on the hormones because I would have to be on them for many years and I wanted to keep my risk of cancer down. The quality of my life was better but I had side effects from taking the synthetic drugs.

It is hard to explain to you how tired I was even on HRT. My quality of life was going down hill. I was so tired, bone tired that I could barely function. I only had enough strength to go to work come home cook dinner and go to bed. My husband and I never went anywhere on the weekends because I was so tired I had to stay in bed most times both Saturday and Sunday.

I finally heard about a book that told me about natural hormones from a compounding pharmacy. I went to my doctor and she was receptive to trying the natural hormones. The compounding pharmacy was extremely helpful in educating myself and my doctor in what is best for me.

I want to tell you that I feel normal now. The quality of my life has improved tremendously! I no longer have to be in bed days at a time to be able to do something on the weekend. I garden now and have enough energy to live a normal happy life.

The hormone therapy drugs that I receive from the compounding pharmacy do not have any of the side effects that I had from the synthetic drugs dispensed at my local pharmacy. They also have allowed me to take the drugs in doses that I can not get through a regular pharmacy.

Please do not take my choices away. I live in California and purchase my HRT drugs from a compounding pharmacy in Wisconsin. Please don't take away the options that have taken many years to find a compounding pharmacy that helps me live a normal life. If I had to go back to the other drugs that cause the side effects, I might be tempted to end my life because it would not be worth living bone tired, I might as well be dead.

I can not get these drugs at my local pharmacy. My insurance does not have a problem paying for this prescription in fact I pay less co-payment than I would for brand name drugs from my local pharmacy.

If you limit the number of prescriptions that can be shipped out of state it would devastate my life. Please hear the voice of the people and keep the choices we have do not limit us. This is what makes America great we have choices.

Thank you,

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I OPPOSE THE DRAFT M.O.U. being proposed by the FDA. In particular, I OBJECT to the definition of "inordinate amount" which restricts the availability and the right to obtain medically necessary compounded medications by limiting the number of prescriptions that can be shipped across state lines from specialized compounding pharmacies.

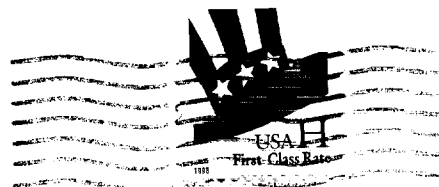
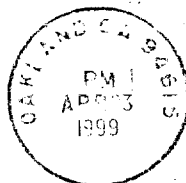
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